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Ethiopia Revises Biosafety Law to Allow Cultivation of Bt Cotton

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Report Highlights:

On August 14, 2015, the President of Ethiopia signed into law the amendment to the Biosafety Proclamation which is supposed to create the necessary regulatory framework that will allow the Government of Ethiopia (GOE) to move forward with its plan of allowing the cultivation of genetically-engineered Bt cotton. This report contains a copy of the newly-revised Biosafety Proclamation. See GAIN Report <u>ET1522</u> for more details on the biotech situation in the country.

Click on the attached PDF to access a copy of the amendment to the Proclamation.

